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1. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, who told me that Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, had called and requested the budget figures for the Radios (RFE/RL) for each of the last five years. The figures are being supplied for the Chairman's information.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. George Lowrance, Special Assistant to Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas), inquiring as to the status of Senator Bentsen's request to review the Agency rules implementing Executive Order 10501, relating to the safeguarding of official information in the interest of the defense of the United States. I told Mr. Lowrance that request had been made for authority to show a copy of the pertinent Agency regulations to him or whoever the Senator designates on the staff for review and immediate return to the Agency. I also told him there was hope that authority would be granted late in the day or tomorrow.

3. (Secret - JGO) I accompanied Mr. ██████████ OCI, to a 25X1A meeting with Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, for briefing on the background and recent student demonstrations in Mexico. This is in response to Mr. Holt's request of 28 June. At the close of the briefing, Mr. Holt mentioned that limited discussion had been had some time ago with Agency representatives concerning ██████████

██████████ Mr. Holt would appreciate any information that can be provided him personally about ██████████ or his activities. I told Mr. Holt I would relay his request. Mr. ██████████ WH Division, has been 25X1A advised.

4. (Secret - JMM) In the absence of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, I provided Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, with the figures Braswell had requested regarding costs of FY 72 Agency and associated DOD programs in Laos. I also briefed Ticer on two major Soviet space failures.

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5. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, on two major failures in the Soviet space program and the promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

I provided Woodruff with a breakdown of the figures for operations involving the Agency in Laos for FY 72 - both our own operations and those [REDACTED]

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In discussing Chairman Ellender's plans for the community Defense budget, Woodruff commented that the testimony of Admiral Gayler in defense of NSA has not gone over at all well. He said Chairman Ellender remained determined to make substantial cuts in the budgets of NSA and DIA and estimated that these cuts might approximate \$400 million.

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I explained to Woodruff the line we had taken reviewing for publication the transcripts of the secret Senate session on Laos emphasizing that we had steadfastly opposed any reference to Agency involvement with [REDACTED]

Woodruff feels there is an even or better chance that some form of the Symington amendment limiting U. S. expenditures in Laos to \$200 million for FY 72 would pass the Senate.

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6. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Ralph Preston, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, on two recent Soviet space failures [REDACTED]

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In response to my question, Preston said he thought the House would welcome, and follow along with, major cuts in the community Defense budget advocated by Senator Ellender.

7. (Secret - JMM) Met with Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.) of the Agency's Armed Services Subcommittee, and briefed him on two recent Soviet space failures and status of Soviet ICBM silos.

8. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on two recent Soviet space failures and promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

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9. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Jim Gehrig, Staff Director and Chief Clerk, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, on two recent Soviet space failures.

10. (Secret - JMM) Met with Representative William Minshall (R., Ohio) who I briefed on the status of Soviet ICBM deployment and two recent Soviet space failures.

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Minshall said [REDACTED] might be interested in exploring employment with the Agency and I told Minshall to have him get in touch with me.

11. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, on Soviet ICBM deployment and two recent Soviet space failures.

12. (Confidential - JMM) At the request of Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), I met with him and his staff for a lengthy discussion of points which might be made, or questions which might come up, during the Senator's appearance this evening on a NBC special panel discussion on "The Pentagon Documents."

13. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Clements, DOD, called to say Senator Muskie's Subcommittee on Disarmament was trying to get a copy of a TRW study which in fact had been commissioned by CIA, and that Mr. Foster's office proposed telling Muskie his request should be directed to CIA. I said this seemed the way to handle it but suggested that they talk to Mr. Duckett who knew about the substance of the report which we did not.

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